

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-14 and 35-39 are currently pending in this Application, with Claims 15-34 being canceled. Claims 1, 2, and 37 are amended. No new matter is added. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims of the same scope as the canceled claims at a later stage within the present application or another application.

II. Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Vezeris for the courtesies extended to Applicants during the telephone interview with Applicants' representative, Monika Dudek, on December 18, 2009. During the interview, Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed the cited art, and Applicants' representative agreed to amend independent claims, as shown above, to further clarify the claimed invention. Examiner Vezeris indicated that the claims would be allowable upon entering the current amendment.

III. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Final Office Action, Claims 1-12 and 35-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Ram (U.S. Publication No. 2006/0069635) in view of Lange (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0147670).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and submits that Ram and Lange fail to teach or suggest a number of the claimed features, as discussed in the Office Action Response of June 24, 2009. The arguments presented in the aforementioned Office Action Response are respectfully incorporated herein by reference.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections are obviated and that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested, and at a minimum, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejections. The Examiner is invited contact Trading Technologies in-house Patent Counsel Monika Dudek at 312-476-1118 if it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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